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"MATCHBOX" KITS 1976

In this catalogue you will find pictures and details of the exciting and greatly extended series of "MATCHBOX" plastic construction kits for 1975–76. Attractive new models have been added to the Purple and Orange ranges of aircraft and fighting vehicles, and these are now joined by an entirely new Red range of larger aircraft (still to 1:72nd scale) and a Blue range of classic cars (all to 1:32nd scale). All 'MATCHBOX' kits have been skilfully engineered for fast and easy assembly, and make up into highly accurate scale models. Self-coloured plastic parts help the newcomer to produce excellent results, whilst the expert model-maker is given full information for creating more advanced colour schemes.

To help you make your selection, "MATCHBOX" kits are grouped into colour ranges that denote the price. For example, all Purple range kits are one price, all Red range kits are another price.

PURPLE RANGE AIRCRAFT: With the coming of the Hawker Siddeley Hawk, the Lockheed Starfighter, the Percival Provost and the Douglas Skyhawk, there will soon be 30 super scale models in this range. The kits are brilliantly detailed but make up very easily thanks to clearly numbered parts and fully-illustrated step-by-step instructions. The kits are moulded in two colours so that painting is not essential. Full painting instructions are provided for the more advanced modeller. The kits come complete with pilot, multi-swivel display stand, and two different sets of markings.

RED RANGE AIRCRAFT: This brilliant new range brings larger and even more detailed models to the "MATCHBOX" air fleet. All are still to the popular 1:72nd scale so that they can be displayed alongside your other "MATCHBOX" planes. The quality and detail of the mouldings set new standards (even for "MATCHBOX"!), and the kits include parts in 3 colours, 3 decal and paint schemes, and a handsome display stand. You have everything you need to help you make up your model to the finest professional standards. The 4 models in the Red aircraft range will soon be joined by other exciting kits now under preparation.

ORANGE RANGE AIRCRAFT: Five interesting newcomers are included in this for '76. The Orange range models are all to 1:72nd scale and are larger than those in the Purple range. The kits contain components moulded in three colours to help the young modeller achieve a 'finished' look without painting, and there's the usual "MATCHBOX" choice of two different markings. Typical detail includes folding wings on the Corsair A7D and rotating blades on the Lynx helicopter. A multi-position display stand comes with all kits.

BLUE CAR RANGE: Here's an entirely new range of "MATCHBOX" plastic construction kits! You can now build superbly accurate 1:32nd scale replicas of some of the classic cars of yesterday and today. The detail work in these kits is remarkable, with opening bonnets and metallised engine and other components. And as always with "MATCHBOX" construction kits, self-coloured mouldings mean that painting is no longer essential. Watch out for new "MATCHBOX" Classic Car Kits as they become available.

PURPLE RANGE ARMOURED FIGHTING VEHICLES: There are now 13 vehicles in this totally unique-to-"MATCHBOX" range. Each kit is modelled in the popular 1:76th scale, and is moulded in two authentic colours. Every model is supplied with a 'diorama' base that portrays the battlefield. Super details include wheels that rotate, swivel turrets, guns that elevate and tank tracks that join together without needing glue. Some Kits even include finely detailed action fighters

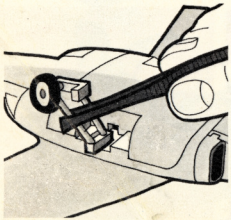
THE MODEL OF YOUR CHOICE

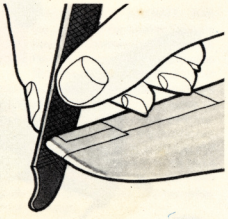
In real life no two aircraft are ever identical. Even similar aircraft in the same squadron acquire their own character with their own markings, paint details and so forth. It's just the same with your "MATCHBOX" construction model. The kit is designed to help you make up an accurate individual model. For a start, every kit is supplied with two or more different sets of transfer markings. You must decide which you like the best. Or, as many modellers do, you may like to make up two kits, one in each scheme. When it comes to painting the model, (the transfers go on after the painting, of course), again "MATCHBOX" gives you a choice. All kits are supplied in self-coloured plastics that create an attractive effect – as shown by the JU87 'Stuka' to the right, top. So if you're new to modelling, there's no real need to use paints at all. But, if you want to try your hand at some fairly simple painting you follow the 'Mini-Paint plan' on the instruction leaflet. By means of detail illustrations and a chart of Humbrol paint colours, this shows you exactly what to do. The result is the handsome and highly realistic model JU.87/G1 seen in the centre right, for example. But if you now feel confident to undertake some advanced painting the "MATCHBOX" kit again gives you all the help you need. With the aid of the detail drawings and colour chart on the instruction leaflet and the full-colour 3-view drawings on the box you can easily turn out really striking and unusual models such as the JU.87/D3 bottom right.

When you buy a "MATCHBOX" plastic construction kit you also buy the opportunity to make up a model in line with your particular skill. No other make of kit gives you this choice.

"MATCHBOX" MAKING YOUR MODEL

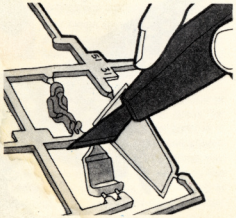
When you have bought the "MATCHBOX" kit of your choice you should next acquire a few simple tools and materials. You will need a sharp modelling knife to separate the pieces from the main pressing, (youngsters may prefer to use scissors). Some parts are so tiny a pair of tweezers is extremely useful. A very fine file and some fine glass paper are helpful, particularly for removing any excess glue. Use only plastic modelling (polystyrene) glue. Ordinary household glues are useless. If you aim to do advanced or fairly advanced modelling you should also obtain some plastic putty and two or three very fine camel hair





paint brushes. Humbrol paints are recommended, but do not buy these until you have checked on the instruction leaflet as to precisely which shades you need.

Before starting to make up your kit thoroughly familiarise yourself with the various components – there may be more than 40 of them! This is easily enough done, however, because each component is numbered both on the moulding and the step-by-step assembly drawings. Without actually making up the model work your way along these drawings to make sure you understand them completely.



Then, if you plan to make up the model in its natural plastic colouring, very gently cut off (never break off) each component as you need it and assemble exactly as shown on the drawing, using an absolute minimum of glue. Incidentally, it's worth 'dry assembling' each stage before applying the glue. If any excess glue oozes out allow it to dry before cutting and sanding it off.

It is recommended that the less experienced modeller should paint all components before assembly. The quality of the

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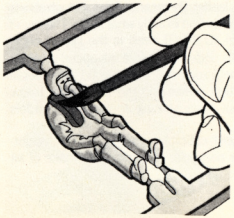
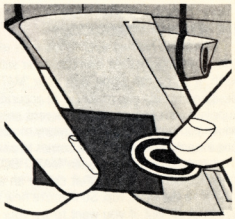


"MATCHBOX" pressings is such that you can safely do this with the parts still attached to the sprue – you know they are going to fit without further cutting or sanding.

The more advanced modeller, however, will probably want to work over the model to give it that perfect one-piece look and



will prefer to paint afterwards. It's usually best, by the way, to paint light colours first.

Finally, cut approximately round each transfer as you need it (there's no need to cut round the shapes precisely), place face-up in a saucer of water for about 45 seconds, then slide it very gently off its backing paper and on to the correct place on the model. Dab off excess water with the corner of a clean tissue or handkerchief and avoid handling until absolutely dry.

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New! A super-detailed model of the Hawker Siddeley Hawk. The RAF's brilliant new strike/trainer with great export potential.
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PURPLE RANGE

Just look at this great selection of exciting aircraft types within the "MATCHBOX" Purple range! All one price, all great value for money. Each Purple range model is moulded in two colours of plastic so that you can build up a realistic model without even having to paint it. And there are two sets of markings to choose from. But if you do want to paint your model you'll find full instructions for simple and advanced schemes on the assembly leaflet and full-colour 3-view reference drawings on the box. And to help you display your models to best effect, each kit contains a transparent multi-position stand.

PK-1 Hawker Fury. British fighter of the early '30s.

PK-2 Spitfire Mk IX. Widest used Spitfire of all.

PK-3 Boeing P-12E. American inter-war Air Corps fighter.

PK-4 Mitsubishi Zero. Famous Japanese WW.2 fighter.

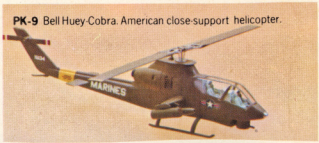
PK-5 Dornier Alpha Jet. European trainer/support jet.

PK-6 Focke-Wulf FW 190. Brilliant German WW.2 fighter.

PK-7 Westland Lysander. Unusual British spy-dropper.

PK-8 Gloster Gladiator. Became a legend.

PK-9 Bell Huey-Cobra. American close-support helicopter.



PK-10 BAC Strikemaster. Ground attack version of Jet Provost.

PK-11 Hawker Hurricane IIC. Potent tank-buster.

PK-12 Northrop F5-A. In use with 16 Allied nations.

PK-13 Mustang P51-D. Merlin-powered American WW.2 fighter.

PK-14 Vought F4U-4 Corsair. Best WW.2 carrier fighter.

PK-15 Folland Gnat. Famous mount of RAF's "Red Arrows".

PK-16 Harrier. Unique vertical take-off combat jet.

PK-17 Messerschmitt 109E. Served throughout WW.2.

PK-18 Grumman Hellcat. Navy fighter of the Pacific war.

PK-19 MIG-21. Russia's first Mach 2 fighter.

PK-20 Dassault Mirage IIIC. Fast French fighter.

PK-21 Messerschmitt 262. Advanced German WW.2 jet.

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The superb "MATCHBOX" Purple range is so wide that modellers can set up their own miniature air museum. Many models can be grouped into specialised classes so that interesting comparisons can be made. For example, the new Hawker Siddeley Hawk and Dornier Alpha Jet, now competing against each other for massive orders, should be shown side by side. The Spitfire, Hurricane, Me 109 and FW 190 should be shown together as early W.W.2 fighter types. The MIG-21, the Mirage IIIC and Northrop F5-A are all contemporary fighters in large-scale service. Displaying models like this greatly adds to their interest and educational value.

PK-22 Republic P-47 Thunderbolt. Long range escort fighter.

PK-23 Hawker Tempest. Destroyer of flying bombs.

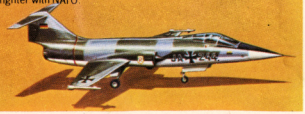
PK-24 Brewster Buffalo. American Pacific war fighter.

PK-25 Armstrong Whitworth Siskin. RAF's first metal-framed fighter.

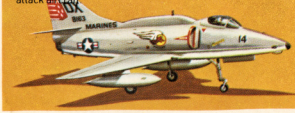
PK-26 Henschel 126. Reconnaissance and light bomber.

PK-27 Hawker Siddeley Hawk. New British jet trainer.

PK-28 Lockheed F-104 Starfighter. Potent fighter with NATO



PK-29 Douglas Skyhawk. Single seat naval attack aircraft



PK-30 Percival Provost. RAF trainer of the 'Fifties.

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New! A fighter with a difference, the famous twin-boom Lockheed Lightning of World War 2.

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All aircraft in the "MATCHBOX" Orange range of 1:72nd scale kits are slightly larger than those in the Purple range. And to make selection easier for you, all Orange range kits are the same price. In unique "MATCHBOX" fashion, the parts for each aircraft are moulded in three colours of plastic so that the beginner can make an excellent-looking model without having to paint it. And the standard of moulding is so high that there's no excess 'flash' on the parts that has to be trimmed off. Again in typical "MATCHBOX" fashion you get two different sets of markings to choose from in each kit, and there are painting plans to match your particular skill. Here are models that are easy to make up yet superbly accurate in every detail.

PK-101 A7D Corsair II. Development of the F8 Crusader.

PK-102 BAC Jaguar 'S'. Anglo-French support aircraft.

PK-103 Bristol Beaufighter X. Shipping attack fighter.

PK-104 Curtis Helldiver. American WW.2 dive bomber.

PK-105 Supermarine Walrus. Air/Sea rescue amphibian.

PK-106 Hawker Siddeley Buccaneer. Low level bomber.

PK-107 Dornier Skyservant. German light transport.

PK-108 Westland Lynx. High speed military helicopter.

PK-109 Junkers Ju 188. Versatile German light bomber.

PK-110 Hawker Siddeley 125/600. British executive jet.

PK-111 Junkers Ju 87 'Stuka'. Famous German dive bomber.

PK-112 Fairey Swordfish. Multi-purpose carrier aircraft.

PK-113 Messerschmitt Me 410. Luftwaffe attack aircraft.

PK-114 BAC Lightning. RAF's first Mach 2 interceptor.

PK-115 Messerschmitt Bf 110. Versatile fighter/bomber.

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Half the fun in making up your "MATCHBOX" scale model is, of course, the assembly. But why leave it at that? Displaying the model attractively is thoroughly worthwhile. Either you can use the multi-position stand provided in the kit, or you can try your hand at creating a simple 'backdrop' or airfield setting. Articles to help you do this appear regularly in a number of excellent modelling magazines.

PK-116 De Havilland Mosquito. Brilliant combat aircraft.

PK-117 Hawker Hunter. Still serves with many air forces.

PK-118 Lockheed Lightning. Fast long range WW.2 fighter/escort.

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NEW RANGE

An exciting new model in an exciting new range, the magnificent McDonnell F-4 Phantom.

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RED RANGE

NEW RANGE

Welcome to the completely new "MATCHBOX" Red range of famous aircraft. Again to the highly popular 1:72nd scale, these models are significantly larger than those in the Orange range. Every model in the Red range costs the same, so all you have to do is pick the aeroplanes that interest you most. And because these models are so much larger, "MATCHBOX" have been able to build in even greater detail than before. But you don't have to be an advanced modeller to enjoy making them. The pictorial assembly instructions are very clear indeed, and parts are moulded in a whole range of realistic colours so that you don't have to paint your model. But detailed instructions are also provided for those who enjoy painting either simple or very complicated colour schemes. You choose your model and make it up the best way to suit your experience.

PK-401 Heinkel 115. Reconnaissance torpedo armed floatplane.

PK-402 Vickers Wellington. Unique geodetic construction by Barnes Wallis.

PK-403 Heinkel He III. Most famous German W.W.2 light bomber.

PK-404 McDonnell F-4 Phantom. Multi-purpose combat jet.

PK-405 North American B-25 Mitchell. W.W.2 American bomber.

PK-406 Grumman Tomcat. Variable sweepback naval fighter.

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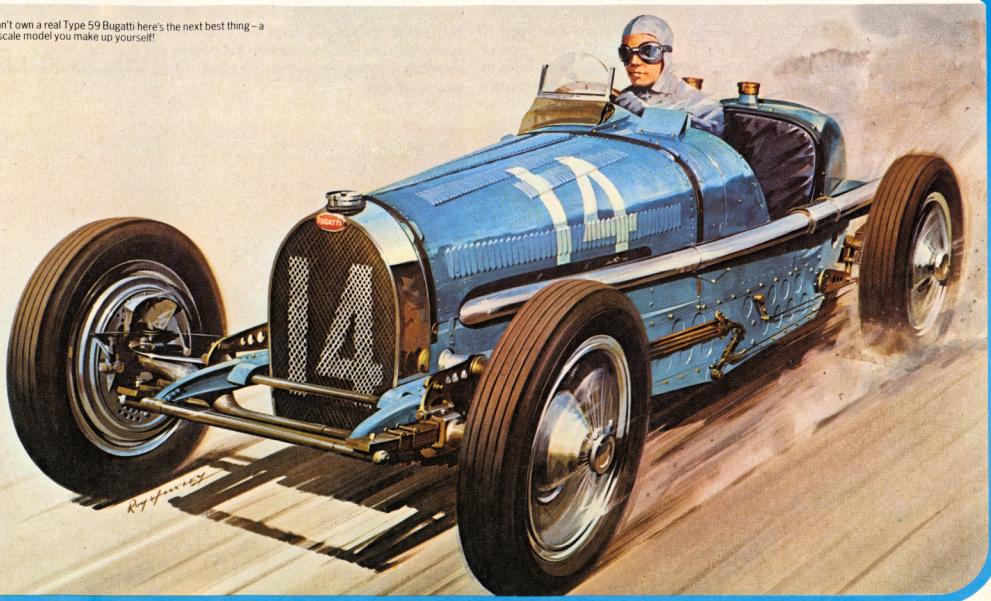
If you can't own a real Type 59 Bugatti here's the next best thing – a superb scale model you make up yourself!



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The "MATCHBOX" success story started with miniature die-cast road vehicles, and now this unique experience has been applied to the new Blue range of classic car construction kits. Nobody knows better than "MATCHBOX" how to design in every important detail with total accuracy! All the new models are to 1:32nd scale so that you can stand them side by side to see how automobile design has progressed over the years. And all cost exactly the same. In unique "MATCHBOX" style the kits come with multi-coloured mouldings, with simulated rubber tyres and metallised parts so that painting isn't necessary. Additional Blue range cars will be announced from time to time so keep an eye open for them in your local model shop.

PK-301 Aston Martin Ulster. A superb British racing sports car of the early Thirties with 100 mph performance.

PK-302 Bugatti Type 59. Considered by experts to be one of the finest high performance cars ever produced. Top speed was about 140 mph.

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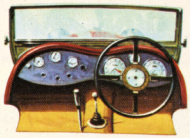
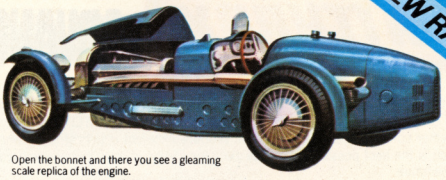


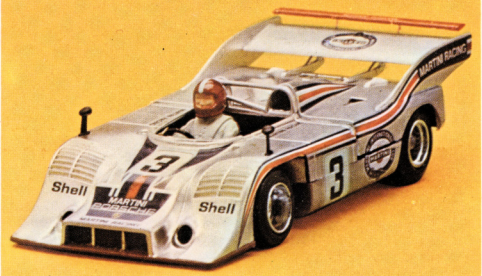
Just look at the detail in this cockpit! You can clearly see the instruments.

The superb Porsche 917 kit comes complete with accurately detailed driver.



Open the bonnet and there you see a gleaming scale replica of the engine.

PK-303 Porsche 917-10. This fantastic turbo-charged sports car produced nearly 1,000 bhp and reached over 240 mph.



PK-304 Jaguar SS/100. This brilliant pre-war sports car set new standards for sleek styling, high performance and value-for-money.

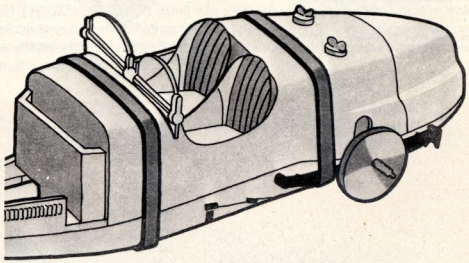
PK-305 Surtees TS 16. Sponsored by "MATCHBOX," the Cosworth V8-powered Surtees is typical of the best in modern Grand Prix design.

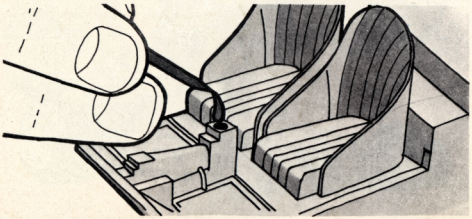
"MATCHBOX" ADVANCED MODELLING

One of the most enjoyable things about making up plastic model kits is that you quickly find yourself getting better and better at it. The "MATCHBOX" kits go together so easily and so well that you produce excellent results straight away, which is the best possible encouragement for aiming at even higher standards in the future.

Let's look briefly at two aspects of more advanced modelling. First, putting the kit together as well as possible.

The secret here is to take your time – no worthwhile models were ever rushed together. For example, the correct way to apply the polystyrene cement takes much longer than the easy way straight out of the tube. Tubes have a habit of gushing out much more than you want. It's far better and safer to apply the cement with an old needle or the sharpened end of a match. This is extremely important because if you do get cement onto the surface of the model it dissolves and can spoil it. It also pays to take plenty of time joining the pieces together. To make sure every component is lined up to perfection it isn't any good relying merely on the 'tackiness' of the glue to hold things in place. Cement takes at least 15 minutes to start to set and parts can easily slip out of true in that time. If you're patient you can hold the pieces together. Clothes pegs are ideal for holding upper and lower surfaces of wings together (but make sure that they're not so strong that they dent the plastic). To secure fuselage sides you can use small rubber bands or adhesive tape, though be very careful not to smear the glue when you put them on.





The second major aspect of more advanced modelling is good detailing. This is where your artistry can really show itself! Study photographs of real-size aircraft or vehicles (or the real thing if possible) and you'll find a wealth of character and detail that no kit manufacturer could ever include. No battle tank is ever spotlessly clean, for example. Stub exhausts, as on many W.W.2 fighters, tend to leave a black smear along the forward fuselage or nacelle. At the end of a long-distance event a sports-racing car is usually streaked with dust, oil, and has flies splattered on the windscreen and headlamps.

It's this research and attention to detail that make advanced modelling even more interesting and enjoyable.

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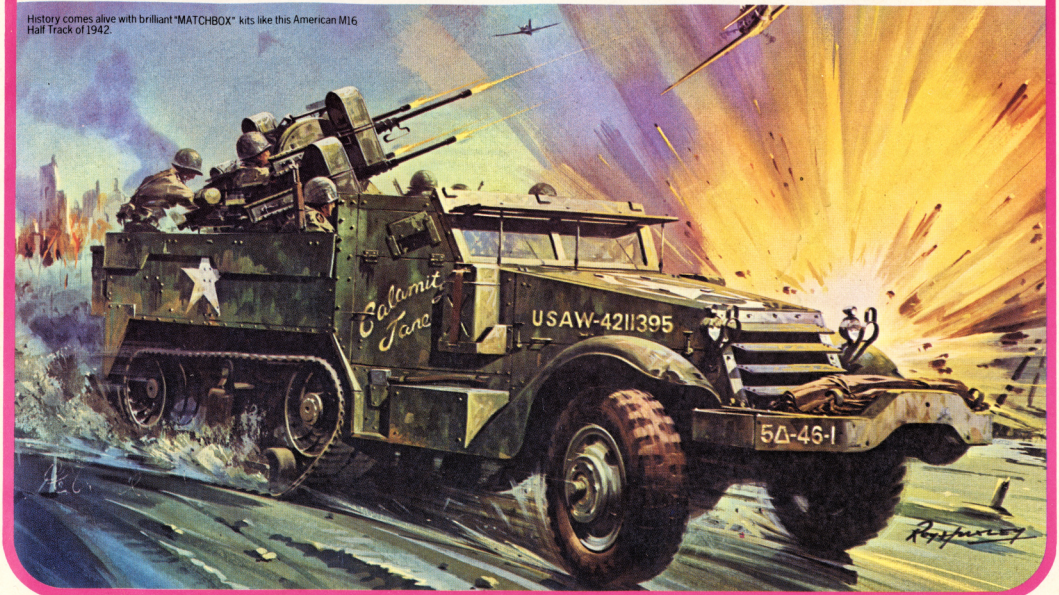

History comes alive with brilliant "MATCHBOX" kits like this American M16 Half Track of 1942.

"MATCHBOX" MILITARY KITS

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Here's a varied army battlefleet from "MATCHBOX", all modelled with astonishing accuracy to 1:76th scale. Here's your chance to re-create in miniature the atmosphere and action of some of the most important battles of the Second World War. These kits are every bit as easy and satisfying to make up as "MATCHBOX" aircraft. The kits are moulded in two highly authentic colours of plastic with tyres or tracks in a third colour, so you don't have to paint the models! The parts are completely free of 'flash' and fit together with remarkable precision. As usual with "MATCHBOX" kits you get two different sets of transfer markings, and there are also two painting guides for the more advanced modeller. And to complete the realism, all kits come with an imaginative diorama base and some even have figures too.

PK-71 Sherman Firefly. A British version of the famous American tank modified to take the British 17 pounder gun.

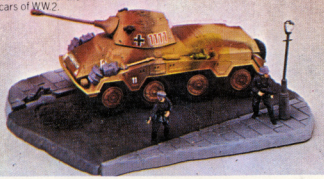
PK-72 A.34 Mk 1 Comet. A fine British tank that served from 1944 until replaced by Centurions in 1957.

PK-73 Panther Ausf G. A potent German tank that enjoyed great success until the advent of rocket attack aircraft.

PK-74 Panzer III Ausf L. A successful German design that influenced the development of Allied tanks.

PK-75 Humber Armoured Car Mk II. Earned great fame as a light reconnaissance vehicle in the Western Desert.

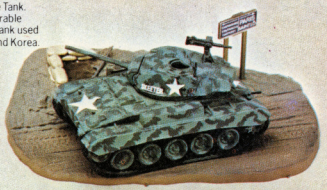
PK-76 Puma Armoured Car. One of the most formidable armoured cars of W.W.2.



PK-77 Wespe S.P. Cannon. A very effective German self-propelled gun first introduced in 1942.

PK-78 M.16 Half Track. Developed in 1942 as an extremely efficient mobile anti-aircraft platform.

PK-79 Chaffee Tank. A fast manoeuvrable American light tank used in both W.W.2 and Korea.



PK-80 Jagdpanther Tank. The most successful German tank destroyer of W.W.2.

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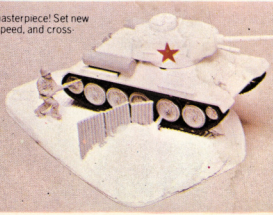
On this page are three exciting newcomers to the one-price "MATCHBOX" Purple range of fighting vehicles. And to get full satisfaction from these and your other superbly-detailed scale models, make sure you display them effectively. Don't leave them lying around to get broken or forgotten but line them up along a shelf, mantelpiece or cupboard-top. You can use the box covers as combined caption and action backdrops. Or you can make your own showcase, the simplest form being the transparent plastic sandwich box. Best of all, you can build up your own miniature battlefield, perhaps using the diorama base supplied with the kit as a starting point. It's amazing what effective scenes can be created merely using plastic filler, scraps of wood, paper and card! For further tips on this, see any of the good modelling magazines.

PK-81 Panzer II. The Spearhead of the German Offensive.

PK-82 T34. A Russian masterpiece! Set new standards in armament, speed, and cross-country ability.



PK-83 Hannomag SD KFZ251/1. Highly adaptable and widely used German W.W.2 half-track.

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P-38 LIGHTNING
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HENSCHEL 126
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M24 CHAFFEE

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